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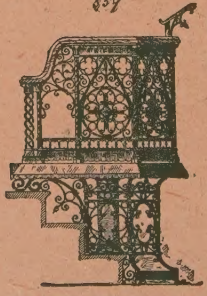

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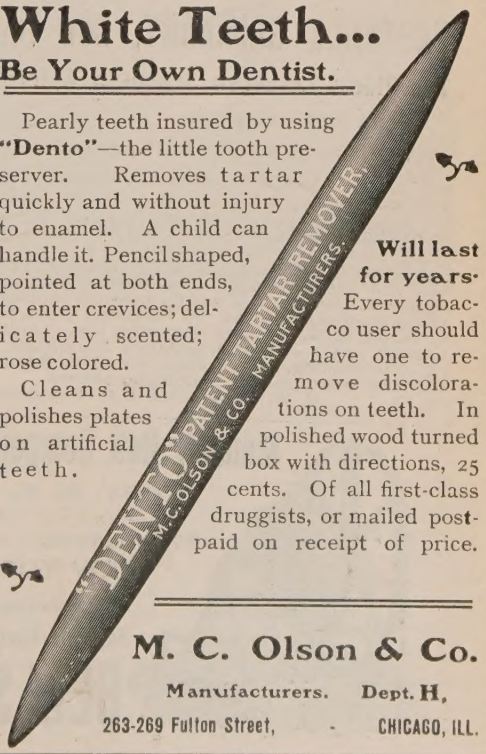

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Luther League of America

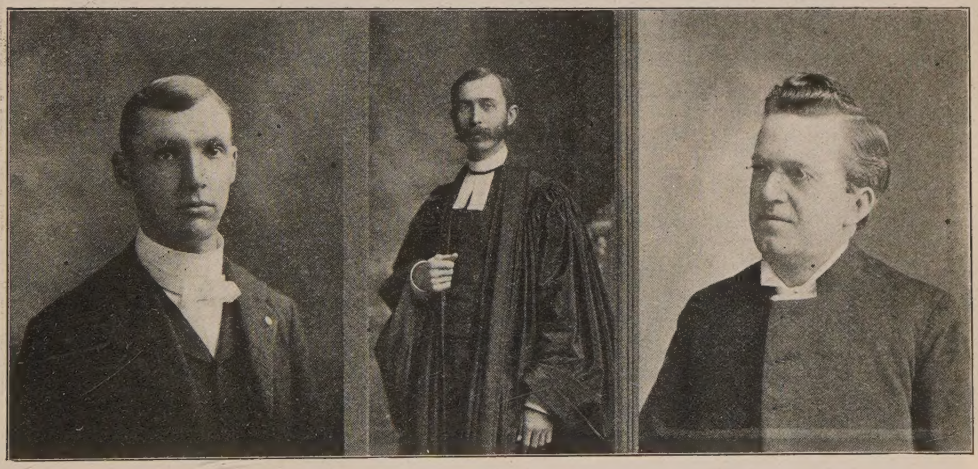
Fifth National Convention, St. Paul-Minneapolis, July 8, 9 and 10, 1902

By Rev. H. Branson Richards

SOME who do not look with favor on the movement have been heard to say that the Luther League is not fulfilling the object for which it was formed. Others have stated it as their opinion that the League has entirely failed to win a place in the affections of the young people.

If these doubters could have been present at St. Paul on July 8 to 10 at the National Convention they would have been convinced that their objections were groundless. Any organization which can at its fifth convention attract so many delegates from so many States, and from such distances, must have in itself such elements of life as would indicate, at least, a latent vigor, and such good reasons for existence as argue well for future growth. Many organizations of Lutheran young people were present, representing societies under different names and irrespective of any special obligation, for in this respect the Luther League differs from some other national bodies. When this point is more fully understood by all, we will witness a decided growth in the sentiment of Lutheran young people's societies for Lutheran young people.

All day of July 8 the trains brought in the delegates and visitors who were cordially welcomed by an excellent Reception Committee and directed to the Memorial English Church, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, pastor, where they presented their credentials and registered. Many delightful friendships were renewed among those who had met at former conventions, and the Twin City League were so unsparing in their efforts to please, that by evening all felt very much at home.



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Tuesday Evening, July 8

The first session was held in the First Swedish Lutheran Church. The large edifice was filled with an audience which was surprising in numbers to those unfamiliar with League work. Revs. G. H. Trabert, D.D., of Minneapolis and L. M. Kuhns of Omaha, Neb., opened the meeting with reading of Scripture and with prayer. The League was first welcomed by the pastor of the church, **Rev. L. A. Johnson, D.D.** He said in part:

I extend greeting and welcome to you on behalf of St. Paul. With one heart we welcome you. The gates and homes of the city are open to you. Here we have homes and here we have hearts loyal to the Saviour. We hail your coming with great joy. We are one body with one spirit, even as we are one body in Christ Jesus. Accept, Luther Leaguers, our sincere welcome. You come on a mission of love; your emblem is the hallowed cross. The watchword of this convention, "Praying and Working; Working and Praying," appeals to every active League worker. This is an age of organizations, and the Church also must be organized. We are glad to see the youth organized. It grew out of the necessity of the case. The Luther League tells the youth to use his ability in his own Church. The Luther League is not emotional, but is preeminently educational. It says, "Know thyself." The Lutheran Church in St. Paul is first in numerical strength. The Church in this country will not give up her Lord in His person, work and office. You have come in the fear of God to meet issues and I pray He may send light upon you, Who is the Light of the world, and send you home with burning lips to repeat again the story of His love.

Following this speaker was the president of the Luther League of the Twin Cities, **Nels Jensen.** Among other things he said:

On behalf of the Luther League of the Twin Cities we bid you welcome; a sincere Christian welcome; a characteristic Western welcome. Here in the West is the great field of opportunity and of activity. Therefore we wish you to understand that we are glad to have you as our guests. We are an organization within the same Church, working for her common good. Because we are of the same household of faith, because we stand on the same impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture, we bid you a hearty welcome.

SOME OF THE DELEGATES TO THE

One of the "greatest" addresses in many respects was the last address of welcome, delivered by the **Hon. S. R. Van Sant, Governor of Minnesota.** He said:

I have great pleasure in welcoming you to Minnesota and St. Paul. The Luther League is unselfishly trying to do good to others and therefore is welcome. You have come to a great State. I congratulate you on being citizens of this great Republic, and the man Luther, whose name you bear, did as much as any man to bring

about the liberty you are now enjoying. It did not come in a day. In many lands the battles were fought which found their culmination in the Declaration of Independence. Even this was supplemented by the Emancipation Proclamation of Lincoln, giving freedom not only to the whites, but also to the blacks. Because you are a young organization your opportunity still lies greatly before you. That means much work to be done. You are welcome to all the best our State can give. To the Luther League I wish the greatest success as it labors in the vineyard of the Lord, for this work shall continue until every man shall acknowledge God and this land be won for Christ.

After an anthem by an enlarged chorus the following response was made by the national president, **Wm. C. Stoever** of Philadelphia:

The Luther League feels very happy to have the welcome and greeting of the Governor of Minnesota and the others represented by the different speakers. It is a matter of special rejoicing to know that the pastor of the church was the first to welcome us as we come to consider the topics of Praying and Working. No one can work without prayer and no one can pray without work. The convention knows that a warm welcome and a great blessing awaits us here. Let us grasp the thought that a man who has convictions must stand up to them. Do not be afraid to own that you are a Lutheran, a Christian, and take Christ as our leader in all things and in all temptations be like our own Luther and stand firm. The Luther League desires to include all Lutheran societies in its organization for the upbuilding of our Lutheran Church. We must not be drones or weaklings, but be willing to give our best energy to God, and then Church and State will feel a change and righteousness will prevail in the land.

After the meeting had closed with a benediction by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, the delegates were tendered a reception and spent a delightful social hour with those who were to be their hosts for the ensuing two days.

Wednesday Morning, July 9

The convention was favored with beautiful weather throughout its stay in St. Paul, and Wednesday was no exception to the rule. Bright and early the Leaguers were at work, beginning the day with a well attended prayer meeting in Memorial English Church, under the leadership of F. A. Hartranft, Esq., of Philadelphia. This is the church in which all the business sessions were held, and at 9.15 a.m. President Stoever called the meeting to order for business. G. A. Baldwin of Rochester, Pa., was elected secretary *pro tem.* The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. J. Clemens of Red Wing, Minn., and by Rev. U. H. Graves of Valatie, N. Y. The president then read his annual report, which follows:

FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION. *From the St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

President Stoever's Report

Presented to the National Luther League Convention at St. Paul, Minn., July 9th, 1902

"Watchman! tell us of the League,
What its signs of promise are"

is naturally a question which the members of this convention ask from its officers relative to the past two years. There has not been much noise, but there has been a quietly increasing interest in the work of the League, and necessarily in the work of the Church. The Luther League to-day has many more friends among the ministry than it had two years ago, and many more students of the Word of God among its members than were reported at Cincinnati. The following action of the Lutheran Ministerial Association of Troy, N. Y., and vicinity indicates the feeling toward the League which is growing throughout the Church:

"*Resolved*, That in the judgment of this association the time has arrived when it is highly desirable that the young people of our various congregations should be organized along more distinctly denominational lines, and to this end we recommend the organization of local Luther Leagues as rapidly as deemed expedient."

At the first meeting of the Executive Committee held after the last convention Mr. E. F. Eilert, the retiring president, was elected chairman of that committee, and he, with the statistical secretary, conceived a plan whereby the individual members of the Leagues might be brought into closer touch with the official management of the organization. The secretary has met with difficulties, because our members have not assisted him as they might have. At the proper time he will give you full information about his work in that direction and his success.

Under the able management of the editor, who was also appointed publisher, the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW has been progressing, making friends, and causing attention and favorable comment wherever it is taken. There is not a more attractive church publication in this country, admitted so by many outside of our Church, and its circulation should be increased tenfold before the close of 1902. Its editor should be encouraged in his work by the approbation of our young people shown in new subscriptions.

The "Luther League Topics," which have been prepared by the assistant literary secretary upon the plan decided at the last meeting, are to-day studied by many more members than at any time in the existence of the League. There is a growing demand for these "Topics," so that on more than one occasion it was necessary to print an extra edition.

The publisher of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW will tell you about the REVIEW, the "Topics" and also the Hymnal, so that it is not necessary for me to enter into particulars as to these.

The one event to which we looked forward at the close of the last convention was the selection and election of a general secretary, who should go among the congregations, make himself and the League work known, thereby interesting those who are already organized and assisting in the organization of others, but the right man has not been found; the Executive Committee felt that it was more important to hasten slowly than to take some unemployed person who knew little or nothing about the League and its work, and we cannot report a selection for the position.

The president has the painful duty of announcing the death of Mr. Adolph C. Close, elected two years ago as treasurer of the Luther League of America. Mr. Close was heart and soul interested in the League, had been the president of the Albany, N. Y., District Association, understood well how to present the work to the young people, and succeeded wherever he lived in bringing the churches into touch with the League. Shortly prior to the convention in Cincinnati he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and there his influence was felt during the few months that he was permitted to live. Although afflicted with pulmonary trouble, of the end of which there was no doubt, yet he kept up his spirits and his strength unto the last, and the League has lost a good friend and a faithful member in his death. But the president is able to report that immediately after the vacancy occurred through Mr. Close's death, by virtue of his official position, he appointed Mr. John F. Dinkey of the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y., as his successor; and the League is fortunate in having secured his services as treasurer, for under his administration many delinquents have been called to pay their arrearages, the books have been straightened out and many matters settled which had been open for some time, owing to the illness of his predecessor.

The question of the preparation and publication of a Prayer Cycle was presented at our meeting in Cincinnati, and the discussion deferred until this meeting. The Executive Committee in December last appointed Rev. Charles L. Fry and the president a sub-committee to prepare, or arrange for the preparation of, a cycle to be submitted to this convention for consideration. About that time there appeared a Prayer Cycle prepared by the women of one of our conference missionary societies. It occurred to the sub-committee that it would be pleasant and profitable to have the new cycle issued under the auspices of the woman's societies and the League jointly, and therefore a meeting was called, at which representatives were present from the woman's missionary societies of the General Council and General Synod and from the League. A committee was appointed, consisting of one from each of these societies and from the Woman's Missionary Society of the Southern General Synod, but a plan has not yet been agreed upon by this committee. Your president hopes that this matter will receive careful and prayerful attention with a view to a decision which will bring the best results in our work, and suggests that the the sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee be continued, with power to act jointly with the other societies if possible; but if that cannot be accomplished, then to issue such cycle or plan as to that committee seems best. The Lord has promised that "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is heaven." Certainly if the whole Church is united upon certain days in prayer for certain objects, the Lord, who hears and answers prayer, will bless these prayers, and the result will be according to our faith.

It has been suggested that the time has come for the publication of a small volume on the various phases of League work, because "it would be extremely helpful in crystallizing the misconception and general activity in something more positive." This is a matter which should receive attention by this convention, and if thought advisable the Executive Committee should be instructed to proceed with such publication without delay. The letter suggesting this publication, and also a communication recommending the adoption of a regular time for the convention of the Luther League of America, are attached to this report for consideration by this body.

During the two years of his term your president has had the privilege of attending five State League conventions, two in the East and three in the West, besides the meetings of district and local Leagues; yea, it was a great privilege to meet Leaguers, talk over the work in which we all are interested, to gain ideas from others, to learn of progress, to become acquainted with the spirit and warm heartedness of our young people, and their readiness to engage in the work of our Church. Only those who have had the opportunity of meeting our Leaguers face to face know what a harvest there will be for our Church if the field receives proper attention, what workers are growing up to advance our Lutheran cause and build up our congregations; and if the present opportunity is neglected it means years of struggle and the loss of many active, earnest members.

The true secret of success in every religious movement and in all Church work is the entire ignoring of self as a power in the midst of all the work that is to be done for others, and with the thought that the all powerful God is back of us in all this work. Well would it be to remember the remark of Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler: "Write six ciphers in a line, and they amount to nothing. Put the figure 1 before them, and they amount to a million. All human talents and possessions are but ciphers until you put the name of Jesus at the head of them. Then they make their owner a millionaire for heaven."

The definition of a missionary that he is "God's man, in God's place, doing God's will, in God's way, and for God's glory," certainly should be the definition of every Christian. The world would be better, the interest in the work would be increased, many, young and old, would do more, were each one working in his own place, doing his duty faithfully, and using the talent which the Lord has given him, not criticising the Master or the work which He has given us to do, and not unwilling because we think His way hard at times, but doing with our might what our hands find to do. The great Phillips Brooks has said that in his opinion the world would not be converted by the few many talented persons, but by the united effort of the many one-talented people. Longfellow adds: "Best perfection of a religious man is to do common things in a perfect manner. A constant fidelity in small things is a great and heroic virtue."

Necessarily self forgetfulness leads to consecration, which is needed for the success of any one in any work. It is well for us to give up our wills to God's way, in His place, as He directs, for His Glory. "We are to speak, move, work in peace, as if we were in prayer," as the great Fenelon has said, and we should, as he also adds, "listen to the leadings of grace, say and do nothing that the Holy Spirit does not put into your heart."

The success of the great movements of the earth has been the result of the full and thorough consecration of the individual or individuals leading these movements, so that others were enthused by their spirit and led to follow them in their way. Whether it be in temporal or religious matters it is true that the man who is thoroughly filled with love for the work in which he is engaged will be a success in inspiring others to work with him. If the Holy Spirit influenced the leaders in our various organizations and in our Church work the interest would be greatly increased, and we would not hear complaints of lukewarmness and unwillingness of people to engage in the Lord's work. A man should have convictions, and he ought not to be unwilling to express these by his life as well as by his words, even at the risk of ridicule and determined opposition. The great reformer would never have succeeded in his efforts had he not been consecrated by the Spirit of God to the work which the Lord raised him up to do, and stood by his convictions in the face of the greatest opposition, and even of persecution.

In these days of advanced thinking and of indiscriminate intermingling of the Church and the world, it is our duty to be fearless in doing that which is right no matter what the consequences may be. "Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace. For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee; for I have much people in this city."

Naturally will follow an undivided faith and trust in Him who should be our leader in all our movements, and having that faith we will never waver or be afraid if difficulties are encountered. Frances E. Willard has appropriately expressed the motto of our convention in these words: "Work as if there was no such thing as prayer, and also pray as if there was no such thing as work."

We as Lutherans have much interest in the progress of God's work in our own Church, and although we are divided, yet the division fence is not so solid that we cannot see through it or so high that we cannot reach across it. We should have a knowledge of the work of the whole Church and an interest wherever our people are engaged, a prayer for their success, and a willingness to work for the accomplishment of God's purpose for us as a Church in this and all lands. It is well for us to bear in mind the duty laid upon us as set forth in the closing words of the opening speech of Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D., at the General Conference held in Philadelphia on April 1 last: "As Lutherans let us remember that the name we bear stands not so much for revered spiritual ancestors and historical continuity, for massive systems of doctrine and clear confessions of faith, for an elaborate liturgy or rich hymnology, a soul stirring music, as for the simple, plain and direct application of the Gospel to the hearts of men."

At a recent convention of another denomination one, in speaking of his connection with the Church, his training in it and his love for it, said, "I live to make my Church a power." It should be the aim of each one of us to be so interested, first in our local Church and then in the Church at large, that we willingly use every effort to make the Lutheran Church in this country a great power in winning souls to Christ.

Over the doorway of one of the buildings of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo was this sentence:

"Even the Weakest has a Gift;" therefore
"Be strong!
We are here not to play—to dream—to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle—face it, 'tis God's gift."

The statistical secretary, Rev. C. K. Hunton of Columbus, Ohio, reported that he had heard from 677 Leagues, showing a membership of 35,000 persons; but as this was only about one-half of the Leagues on the list it was only fair to suppose that the actual membership was not far from 70,000. A number of delegates reported on the floor concerning Leagues not included by the statistical secretary, so that the above inference seemed to be corroborated. The State of Nebraska had reported only one League. and yet Rev. L. M. Kuhns of Omaha said that he knew of at least seven.

The report of the treasurer, J. F. Dinkey of Rochester, N. Y., was read and showed the treasury to be in a satisfactory condition.

The roll call of States followed these reports. Rev. M. J. Bieber of Binghamton spoke for New York. His report was supplemented by Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., who referred to the fact that the Buffalo Central League had assumed the support of a missionary in India. President Stoever, speaking for Pennsylvania, said that there was everywhere in the State a better spirit manifested. Miss Augusta Neubeck said that the work in New Jersey had been up hill, but was progressing favorably. Rev. C. O. Solberg, for Illinois, reported the Luther League cause strengthening in that State. Ohio was represented by Rev. F. G. Gotwald and Wisconsin by Rev. Th. Eggen. Indiana and Kentucky had a representative in the person of Rev. A. C. Anda. Mr. H. D. Eden and Miss Iverson both spoke for Iowa. Rev. L M. Kuhns, for Nebraska, said there was an awakened interest there; two new Leagues had been formed within the last month. He reported also in general for the work in Oregon and along the Pacific Coast. Rev. A. J. D. Haupt spoke for Minnesota. The representative of South Dakota was Rev. C. K. Solberg. This State League was later received into the membership of the League of America and its delegate seated.

After singing a hymn **Rev. J. E. Whitteker, D.D.,** of Lancaster, Pa., spoke on the subject "Working and Praying Must be Joined." He said:

Praying without working is a pharisaic pretence, the shallowest kind of hypocrisy, a sort of pious pose to be seen of men—one of the street corner kind. Or, if there be such a thing as serious prayer without consecrated performance, it resolves itself into rank superstition, a vulgar charm. Prayer is but half the circle and must have its active complement to round it out. Wherever it touches it has its human element; and he who conjures by it, as with a formula, shall not only not have a Christian's blessing, but he shall have the conjurer's curse. Cyprian justly says, "Since every tree not bringing forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire, surely words also which bring no fruit must fail of favor with God, seeing they are joined with no productiveness in righteous deeds." What, then, of him who works but does not pray? In the most literal sense "God is not in all his thoughts." In his own eyes he is almightiness in miniature. When he speaks, it must be done. When he commands, it must stand fast. To work and not to pray is to deny the loving power of God, to refer all change to chance, to trust self to meet chance and change, and harness them down by human device to serve human ends. Here again we have but half the circle, and the human half at that. The man who prays but works not, or who works but prays not, is a cake half baked; good by halves, which simply means bad by wholes. Wherever there is the true spirit of prayer there is true consecration to the work it implies. Do we sincerely pray "Hallowed be Thy name," then we do all in our power that God's name may be hallowed by us and all mankind. Do we sincerely pray "Give us this day our daily bread," then we go forth in the fear of God to earn our daily bread, giving Him the praise for the increase. Do we sincerely pray "Lead us not into temptation," then we study to keep our feet from the snares of Satan. Wherever our prayers reach there our supremest effort centers. We must pray as if there were no such thing as work; we must work as if there were no such thing as prayer. Unite the two in spirit and act, and you have the ideal of the praying worker. This subject is an intensely practical one. It touches directly upon our individual lives, also upon our lives as members of the Luther League. Take the collect for each Lord's Day, that ancient cycle of the Church. If we were to make these separate petitions the subject of meditation for the entire week, concentrating our thought upon the one special want of the soul, doing it by the light of the Gospel and the Epistle for the day, so that our spirits are modeled after and molded by its spirit, what a transforming power these prayers of the Church, our prayers now, the secret longing of our inmost souls, what a wonderful transforming power they would have in our lives. What, then, shall be the watchword of this convention? More earnest prayer; more faithful work. Working out our prayers and praying out our work; these two must go together. God has joined them; let us not, in our folly, try to put them asunder. Just as surely as God blesses him who prays, so surely will He bless the work prayed for. The two are inseparable, He will bless him in his work. In prayer a man rises above himself to God; in work he brings God down to himself. It is true, as Luther says, "If I have done any good work, it was God who did it through me."

At this session the following committees were appointed:

Press Committee: Revs. W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., L. M. Kuhns, H. Branson Richards, F. G. Gotwald, C. O. Solberg, C. K. Solberg, Th. Eggen, J. J. Clemens, and Messrs. Samuel Munson and Nels Jensen.

Committee on Resolutions: Revs. C. L. Fry, W. K. Frick, D.D., F. G. Gotwald, and Messrs. W. L. Henrich and M. C. Olson.

Committee on Credentials: Rev. C. K. Hunton, Ohio; G. A. Baldwin, Pennsylvania; F. C. Peterson, New York; T. C. Beck, New

REV. J. E. WHITTEKER, D.D.

MISS JOSEPHINE MAEDEL.

REV. J. A. WIRT, D.D.

WHOSE PAPERS WERE PRESENTED AT WEDNESDAY'S SESSIONS

Jersey; Rev. J. N. Lenker, D.D., Nebraska; Rev. A. C. Anda, Kentucky and Indiana; Rev. F. E. Jensen, Minnesota; Miss Josephine Maedel, Kansas; H. W. Theis, Illinois; Rev. M. J. Westphal, Wisconsin; G. F. Gutbrod, Connecticut; Prof. H. H. Aaker, Red River Valley Central. The session adjourned, being led in prayer by Rev. G. C. Loos of Philadelphia, who also pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday Afternoon, July 9

The third session on Wednesday afternoon was opened with devotional exercises by Rev. A. C. Anda of Goshen, Ind., prayer being offered by Rev. C. K. Solberg of Vermillion, S. D.

The Executive Committee reported through its chairman, E. F. Eilert of New York. This dealt with many of the matters referred to in the president's report. In it was mentioned what had been done toward securing a general secretary, and it also emphasized the necessity of securing the services of such general officer at an early date.

The report of the Literature Committee was presented by Rev. C. L. Fry of Philadelphia and supplemented by Rev. G. H. Schnur of Chillicothe, Ohio, the editor of the Luther League Topics. A marked increase in the circulation of the Topics was noted. An arrangement has been made by which the books of the Reading Course can be secured on the installment plan. A new edition of the Luther League Handbook was recommended.

Miss Josephine Maedel of Kansas City, Mo., was prevented from being present and her paper on the "Power of Prayer" was read by Miss Augusta Neubeck of Elizabeth, N. J. The following is an abstract:

We pause to consider the greatness of God and are overwhelmed. It is only in the knowledge of Christ that we find God's likeness in human form, and it is only in a nearness to our Saviour that we appreciate the existence of His loving kindness. It is not surprising, then, that the skeptic should question whether the unchangeable can be changed. God permits no act or thought to be useless. His answers to the prayers of the faithful are limited only by His promises. He who offers a petition commends his prayer to God's righteous wisdom and leans upon God's mercy for his answer. No man can acceptably approach to God except through Christ. It is through the obedience and sufferings of Christ that He became the advocate of man. The power of prayer rests upon faith and trust, sincerity and patience. God gives man the choice of calling on Him for help or of resting on his own weakness. It is surely not a remarkable thing for God to fulfill His promises. It is too generally remarkable for man to have the faith to claim them. There must be no selfishness or meanness in our prayers. He will not do for us what we can do for ourselves. It behooves us to live Christlike lives, that about and from us may radiate only the purest and sincerest thoughts and influences. We cannot spare one earnest, praying man. He who dwells in constant communion with the Father bears upon the electric current of love our necessities as well as his own to the throne of grace.

The paper elicited a most interesting discussion. Rev. Charles S. Albert, D.D., of Philadelphia said: "There is no father but is anxious to pour upon his children all he has, and is only restrained because they are not prepared to receive, not because they do not ask. When we are ready to receive God pours out freely and largely. There are few prayers to-day like the prayers of the Christians of old. Their prayers were written in their hearts' blood and were therefore effectual." Rev. G. H. Geberding, D.D., of Chicago said that God did not force Himself upon unwilling sinners. We dare not dictate to God as to how, when and where prayer is to be answered. Prayer is not a means of grace. Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., related a remarkable tale of a missionary in Siam who had been enabled by the power of prayer to convert at least two villages of untractable heathen. He questioned whether it were well to analyze and philosophize about prayer.

A very interesting part of the afternoon exercises was an address at this time by **Miss Ellen M. Stone,** the missionary recently released from captivity in Bulgaria. Her address was helpful and long to be remembered. She said in part:

It was to me a wonderful revelation, when freed, to hear that men and women and little children had prayed for us during our captivity. The brigands took care to keep this fact from us. We know now that we received the benediction of the world's prayer offered from the heart. When in the hands of the brigands God moved hearts in America for us, and even tiny hands helped to make up the large ransom, and we were freed. We shall never cease to be grateful to God. Yesterday, when we were traveling together on the train to this city, many of you did not know me, nor I you; but I was asked by many to come to you and my heart was moved to meet you. I want you to know the latest knews from Macedonia. In the very village of Bansko, near which we were captured, 17 additions have been made to the mission that was pastorless many months. The same glad news comes from Samarcand and other towns in Bulgaria. We see the ingathering of the fruit after faithful sowing of the seed. The man who is much alone with God makes a great friend of God and God of him. This comes to us in times of sickness and affliction, but perhaps more than all when some special service is wanted from us. The Lutheran Church is the nearest to us in Bulgaria. Many who come to us from the Balkan peninsula and Russia are of your Church. Lutheran pastors have often been of great service to us. I wish you God speed in your work.

Miss Stone spoke brokenly, tears welled up in her eyes and often interrupted her discourse.

The Publication Committee reported through E. F. Eilert of New York. He reported that the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW was entirely out of debt and had been quite successful during the past two years, but what was needed to complete its success was 10,000 additional subscribers. He urged the co-operation of the delegates in securing a much enlarged circulation, and stated that the committee felt certain the REVIEW could assure the expenses of a general secretary if this increase were forthcoming. A generous response was made, the delegates pledging a certain number of subscriptions. This was supplemented at a later session with others.

The president then appointed the following Nominating Committee: E. F. Eilert of New York, Chas. Matthes of Ohio, Rev. G. C. Loos of Pennsylvania, Rev. W. L. Hunton of Illinois and Nels Jensen of Minnesota.

The session adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev. C. L. Fry of Philadelphia. At the close of the session many of the delegates took a drive through the city as the guests of the local committee.

Wednesday Evening, July 9

On Wednesday evening six meetings were held simultaneously in the churches of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The same programme was used at all the meetings, which were without exception well attended. Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, the chairman of the Local Committee, said that the effect of these meetings would certainly do much good for Lutherans and the Luther League in Minnesota. Two topics were discussed by the various speakers. The first was "The Church's Need and Work in This New Century" and the other, "Where Shall We Lay the Emphasis?"

The speakers in these churches were as follows:

In St. Paul—St. Matthew's German Church, Rev. Geo. F. C. Paul, pastor. Speakers: Rev. F. L. Sigmund, D.D., Carthage, Ill.; Rev. H. B. Richards, Philadelphia, Pa. Memorial English Church, Rev. Alex. J. D. Haupt, pastor. Speakers: Rev. C. S. Albert, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Pro. Gustav Andreen, Ph.D., Rock Island, Ill. Emmanuel Norwegian Church, Rev. Chr. O. Brohaugh, pastor. Speakers: Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.; I. S. Runyon, New York City.

In Minneapolis—Bethlehem Norwegian Church, Rev. G. Rasmussen, pastor. Speakers: Rev. Th. Eggen, Madison, Wis.; Rev. C. O. Solberg, Rockford, Ill. St. John's English Church, Rev. Alfred Ramsey, pastor. Speakers: Rev. F. G. Gotwald, Springfield, Ohio; Rev. G. W. Sandt, Philadelphia, Pa. St. Peter's German Church, Rev. H. W. Hartig, pastor. Speakers: Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D., Philadelphia, Pa.; Horace W. Bikle, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Extracts from these addresses will be given in the next number.

Thursday Morning July 10

After a half hour's service of prayer the fifth session on Thursday morning was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Revs. F. E. Jensen of Lindston, Minn., and C. F. Bergner of Nashville, Tenn. The committees not being prepared to report, the convention was addressed by **Rev. J. W. Smith of Yonkers, N. Y.,** on the subject "Prayer Without Work." In part, he said:

Prayer is a blessed privilege, and time employed in it is not spent in vain. Nothing is more profitable. Another duty closely related to it is to work. We must work as well as pray. Neither may be expected to prevail without the other. It is for power to work that prayer has such great promises; it is in working that the power for the effectual prayer of faith will be gained. God will not answer the prayers of such as are too lazy to work. We are

taught that by works faith is made perfect. It is absurd to speak of a true faith which does not issue in Christian work. Uniting with the Church means entering into a covenant of works as well as of faith, one in which their Lord has promised to engage with them as an unseen partner. No one has been excused from taking part in the Lord's work. If we are willing to work and are content to do the work for which we are adapted and to do it in the Lord's way, the avenues are infinite and the work abundant. However much we may have prayed, we cannot expect the "well done" of the Master unless we have done some positive work for Christ.

of two years: President, Wm. C. Stoever, Esq., of Philadelphia; Rec. Sec., C. G. Grauer of Buffalo, N. Y.; Statistical Sec., Rev. Chas. K. Hunton, Columbus, Ohio; Literature Secretaries, Revs. C. L. Fry of Philadelphia and G. H. Schnur of Chillicothe, Ohio; Treasurer, J. F. Dinkey, Rochester, N. Y. On the Executive Committee the following were elected for four years: E. F. Eilert, New York; W. S. Henrich, Buffalo, N. Y.; I. S. Runyon, New York;

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Treasurer.

WILLIAM C. STOEVER,
President.

C. G. GRAUER,
Assistant General Secretary.

REV. C. L. FRY,
Literary Secretary.

REV. C. K. HUNTON,
Statistical Secretary.

REV. G. H. SCHNUR,
Assistant Literary Secretary.

OFFICERS OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA

The Church looks to-day to the youth with a solicitude seldom before felt. Never before have they touched such springs of influence and wielded such power. Give yourselves therefore and your lives to do the work of Christ and you will learn to pray so as to obtain wonderful answers to prayer. With disciples full of faith and ready to work, Christ can conquer the world.

The reports of committees were now heard. The Nominating Committee presented its report and the following were unanimously elected for the ensuing term

Rev. L. L. Smith, Strasburg, Va., and G. A. Baldwin, Rochester, Pa. H. L. Hungerford, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was elected for two years to fill a vacancy. The other members of the committee, who hold over until 1904, are F. A. Hartranft, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Omaha, Neb.; Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, D.D., Selinsgrove, Pa.; M. C. Olson, Chicago.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented by Rev. F. G. Gotwald, as follows:

Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully recommend the following items for your action:

First.—In the death of our esteemed former treasurer, Adolph C. Close, we recognize the loss of a faithful officer and devoted member of the League, and that our sympathy be extended to his household in their bereavement.

Second.—We cordially recommend the project of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW to so extend its circulation as to support a General Secretary, an office so vital to the progress of our work. The REVIEW has been so prudently and ably edited as to eminently deserve the enthusiastic support of every Leaguer in the land, and we urge that special effort be made, in view of the reduced rate offered at this convention, to increase the subscription list by 10,000 names.

Third.—We are gratified to learn of the marked increase in the subscription list of the Luther League Topics, and we appreciate it as a token of their value and a sign of the educational development of our League work.

Fourth.—We also commend anew the books of the Reading Courses, especially in view of the plan suggested of payment by monthly installment, which will make it possible for even the smallest League to have a complete set of these books.

Fifth.—We recommend the publication of a new edition of the Luther League Hand Book, including a clear statement of the aims and methods of the League and the specific work of each of its departments.

Sixth.—We recommend that the page of the REVIEW devoted to junior work be so arranged as to give suggestions on the Topics of each week to leaders of Junior Leagues, including brief outlines of Bible drills for memory work.

Seventh.—That we express to Miss Ellen M. Stone our sincere appreciation of her helpful address, which we will long remember as a conspicuous feature of this convention.

Eighth.—We recommend the publication of a Lutheran calendar, giving the dates of prominent events in the work of our Church throughout the world, and that the necessary space be devoted in each issue of the REVIEW to items stating the present phase of the respective activities.

Ninth.—We are gratified to note the solidifying of the League movement and the healthy Lutheran spirit, which promises large increase for the future.

Tenth.—We extend our thanks to the pastors and members of the congregations of the Twin Cities, the Local Committee of Arrangement, the Commercial Club of the city, the conductors and singers of the chorus, the press of St. Paul and all who have contributed to make this convention successful.

The Credential Committee reported through its chairman, Rev. C. K. Hunton, that credentials had been received for 43 delegates from 14 States, 33 from 16 districts, and 80 from 80 local Leagues. An address followed at the conclusion of the business by **M. C. Olson of Chicago** on the topic, "Work Without Prayer." He said:

Work is the principal means of subsistence. To achieve the greater results can be done only through earnest prayer. Much work is done every day that has never been hallowed by a word of prayer. If work can be accomplished with some degree of success without the aid of prayer, it will be infinitely more successful when accompanied by prayer. The Scriptures teach us to work. But in order to be your best in everything you must pray without ceasing, and God will give the increase. Work without prayer can only be done by those who are living without Christ. If engaged in honest work you can always ask God's blessing on it. When we do our work with the knowledge that God's Spirit is with us we can rejoice that we are permitted to live and assist in doing God's will. In order to do with our might what our hands find to do we must be quickened by the Spirit, and then we will not need to be watched lest we idle away precious time. Some people accomplish so little because of lack of concentration and purpose. We must apply our heart unto every work, and then we shall see results. It was the exalted faith and constant prayers and simple trust which brought to a successful issue the grand and noble work of all who have been prominent in the Church of God. We must not be too impatient for immediate results. When we work and pray together we can hope to accomplish something, and the reward will be sure and great. Prayer will strike the great chord which will vibrate in your soul and place you in harmony with the heavenly chorus; you will hear the music of the skies, sounding as the voice of many waters. There will be melody in your soul and you will have part in the grand rehearsal of the song that is sung by the choir of the redeemed.

The session adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Rev. C. G. Stacy of Chicago.

Thursday Afternoon, July 10

Rev. G. C. Loos of Philadelphia conducted the opening devotional exercises of the sixth session on Thursday afternoon. Mr. Charles Matthes of Mansfield, Ohio, read a paper that had been prepared by **Rev. J. A. Wirt, D.D., of Des Moines, Iowa.** The topic was "Praying and Working; the Forces Moving the World." In part the paper was as follows:

Prayer is the atmosphere in which the Christian lives, moves and has his being. It always involves a spirit of deep reverence. There are many of whom the Pharisee is a true type, who instead of coming before God in deep humility and contrition of heart, tell God how much better they are than their fellows. The second petition of the Lord's Prayer affords a Scriptural basis, comprehending both propositions of our subject. The clear answer he has given to the earnest prayers of His people through the centuries is manifest in the marvelous growth of His kingdom on earth. John Wycliffe, Huss, Jerome of Prague and Savanarola were men of great faith, importunate in prayer and active along the lines of their prayers. There has not been, and there cannot be, any movement which will lift the world Godward without prayer and work upon the part of His subjects. Luther was pre-eminent in both these spheres. So long as we need to pray so long we need to work on the lines of our prayers. Work and prayer are twin sisters. You cannot separate them and expect results. God has given the ability for man to answer his own

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prayer by exercising himself in good works. We must not fall into the error that our prayers or good works will save us. These are the evidences that we are saved. Good works do not bring us to God, nor are they any recommendation to Him. They are but the robes in which we are attired, convincing men that we have been with Jesus. We are saved and justified entirely by a righteousness imputed. Work and prayer, like Ruth and Naomi, cannot live separated. Many prayers miscarry because they are not joined with the use of the means at hand for doing ourselves what we ask God to do in a semi-miraculous manner. Prayer is not simply the use of a few well chosen petitions, but it is to be ready and willing and really expect that God will use us in the answer of our petitions. Many prayers have been answered through a diligent life and great energy. Let us do what we can for the extension of the borders of God's Kingdom, and with David we will be able to say, "I cried unto the Lord and He inclined His ear unto me."

This was followed by an address on the topic, "The Local Work of the Luther League," by **Rev. M. J. Bieber of Binghamton, N. Y.** He said:

The prayerful League will observe four activities: Honor, service, obedience and love. The Leaguer will always speak well of his Church at every opportunity. The League's strongest weapon is education. It must produce a desire for Lutheran literature and supply it. It must busy itself with a little more than sociability and money-making. The greatest honor lies in true service. The choir should be manned by Leaguers. The League must be the recruiting force from which to secure a full attendance of the young people at church services. It should furnish the church ushers and teachers and officers for the Sunday-school. It must be missionary in spirit. The League must not undertake to "run the church." The pastor must be the guide. If the League disregard the advice of the pastor and the Church Council and takes the reins in their own hands, they are disobedient and disloyal. Then they should be disciplined and recast in an entirely new mold, especially with a different head. Love gives sweetness and strength to all the other activities. It produces activity. The person who loves God will love his Church also. The confirmed Lutheran will ever remain a Lutheran. He will honor, serve, obey and love his Church to the end.

Mr. W. S. Henrich, on behalf of the Central League of Buffalo, N. Y., extended a most cordial invitation to the League of America to hold the meeting in 1904 at Buffalo. The matter was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

An opportunity was given to those present to subscribe for the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW, and before the close of the session 1832 new subscriptions were taken, in addition to 830 orders for copies of the Convention Number.

Professor Lund extended an invitation to the members of the convention to visit the recently dedicated Theological Seminary of the United Norwegian Church, near St. Paul.

The session closed with the Lord's Prayer and benediction pronounced by Rev. A. C. Carty of La Crosse, Wis.

Be Strong

MALTBIE D. BABCOCK

Be strong!
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.

Be strong!
Say not the days are evil; who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh, shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name;

Be strong!
It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong.
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not—fight on! To-morrow comes the song.

—*Church Review.*

The Closing Rally

in St. Paul Auditorium

The grand rally meeting in the Auditorium, with an audience of not less than 2500 present, furnished a notable close for the Fifth National Convention of the Luther League of America. Speakers of national reputation, splendid weather and excellent music admirably interpreted by a chorus of 150 voices, all made the meeting on Thursday evening a great success. The walls and columns of the building everywhere displayed the five colors of the League. The chorus sang under the direction of Peter Johnson, accompanied on the large pipe organ by Henry W. Knauff. The organ prelude introduced a 'cello obligato by Herbert J. Anderson, and Chas. S. Trabert assisted the organist in the hymns on the cornet. The quartet, composed of Mrs. T. M. Newson, Miss M. M. Hall, Chas. A. Hagen and A. H. Brush, was enthusiastically encored, as was also a solo by Mrs. T. M. Newson. After reading of Scriptures and prayer by Rev. S. M. Kuhns of Omaha, Neb., **F. A. Hartranft, Esq., of Philadelphia,** was introduced. His topic was "The Luther League: What It Is." He said:

In 1895 in Pittsburgh the young people of the Lutheran Church came together regardless of Synodical lines as brethren in a common cause for the purpose of organizing the Young Peoples' Societies into one national organization. Five States were then represented. For some time many had been asking, What is the Luther League? and the business of the first National Convention was to answer that question. We ask again in the light of seven years, What is the Luther League? It is to-day a Lutheran organization, linking together the Lutheran young people laboring for the good of their own Church. It recognizes no synodical lines, although it does not therefore seek to teach a disregard for them. The rock upon which we build is the Augsburg Confession. The League is an organization within the Church. The cardinal principle of the League is co-operation. We invite all societies of whatever name to unite with us in this National Luther League. Its work is designed for the advancement of the Lutheran Church. It seeks to stimulate its members to a clearer consciousness of Christian faith and to build up in each congregation a band of faithful, zealous workers—in a word, to make good, active Lutheran Church members of our Lutheran young people. It is the first effort to utilize the latent forces long dormant in her young people. Lutheran, know thy Church, is the cry of the Luther League. To know her history, achievements and doctrine is to build up a loyal believer in her glorious virtues. With such a heritage it is our duty to teach our children to know their Church. The Luther League, laying aside all that has heretofore divided the Church, and placing itself upon the broad platform of brotherly love toward all the members of this glorious household of faith, labors in and for the upbuilding of our Zion. It believes that our youth should be set as lively stones in the holy temple in the Lord. Here it stands, it cannot do otherwise. God help it. Amen.

Perhaps the most entertaining speaker of the evening was **Rev. C. A. Swensson, D.D., President of Bethany College, at Lindsborg, Kan.,** who addressed the convention on "The Luther League and Our Institutions." It is impossible to reproduce in words the engaging manner by which he swayed the large audience, but among other things he said:

As the Lutheran Church was the first of the evangelical churches, being the ancient church reformed of its accumulated abuses, it can lay claim to being the primitive church. It leans neither to the excesses of revivalism nor to the cold formality of ritualism. So genuine have been its doctrines that no demand has ever been made for a revision of its glorious confessions. And yet Lutherans have spread until no portion of the earth is now without representatives of their faith. In the United States the growth of the Church has been so remarkable that it now occupies third place among the Protestant churches. The Lutheran Church has always been favored by intelligent and progressive men. At this time it is the nations where Lutherans are numerous that are in the forefront of civilization. Lutheran lands are the most enlightened in the world. In Sweden the illiteracy has been reduced to less than 1 per cent. In Lutheran Iceland there remains absolutely no adult who cannot read and write. The Lutheran colleges in America have accomplished wonders. In the Augustana Synod alone two thousand students graduated this year, and the number would have been double if American Lutherans had been as true as they should be to their own faith and its institutions. We need more money to give adequate efficiency to the colleges and other institutions of the Church. Then, too, Lutheran parents should send their children to Lutheran schools. The Luther League is a grand institution and one that has been doing much in the spread of the Lutheran faith. May we not see the day when each Luther college and seminary shall have a Luther League chair endowed or a Luther League building? This can be accomplished if we are stirred up to the proper pitch of enthusiasm. We need not be afraid of enthusiasm, and need, perhaps, more of it in the Church and the teaching of the Gospel, as Luther would have wanted it. We need loyalty to the Church. Let us be Lutherans and not something else. Above all, there must be faith in the Cross and the Crucified One. Luther Leaguers, learn more and more to love your home, your church home.

The congregational singing at all the sessions had been excellent, but after this address it was a veritable revelation of the possibilities in this direction to hear the singing of "The Luther League Rally Hymn." It was decidedly a treat. The last

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REV. J. H. HARPSTER, D.D.

F. A. HARTRANFT, ESQ.

SPEAKERS AT THE CLOSING RALLY

speaker was **Rev. J. H. Harpster, D.D.,** who has passed more than 30 years in India as a missionary. He spoke of "The Luther League and Missions." In part he said:

It was not, as generally supposed, William Carey, the English cobbler, who first entered India as a missionary. That honor belongs to the Lutheran Ziegenbalg and to his colleague, Plutschau. For nearly a hundred years before the time of Carey Lutherans had been laboring there and had converted natives by the tens of thousands. The Bible had been translated into the vernacular by Fabricius and so well done that when a revision was thought desirable by some, no room for changes could be found. Among these early Lutherans was Christian Frederick Swartz, who has been called the greatest missionary since the Apostle Paul. He proved so successful that a splendid mausoleum was erected in his honor by the East India Company, which always bitterly opposed mission work, and even imprisoned the workers. But because of the Napoleonic wars which especially devastated Germany, the people of that country were not able to support the missionaries, and so most of them, with their converts, passed into the Church of England, which undertook to support them. In spite of this great loss the Lutheran Church has a line of missions extending from the southern limit of India to the confines of Thibet, with more than two hundred thousand converts, and second in rank in numerical strength. Many affecting stories of the fidelity of these natives could be told. We need better recognition in the way of help that the India missions may prosper. The Luther League can help materially by furnishing both workers and means. Let us pray that the day be not far distant when the mission workers in India of the various societies may gather in one grand council in that land as the representatives of one united Church.

President Stoever then extended the thanks of the Luther League of America to all who had helped to make the meeting so great a success, and asked that as they separated to their homes they would remember the work in their prayers, and in their Leagues and elsewhere work for the spread of the Gospel. After the audience had sung "America," the benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, chairman of the Local Committee, and the convention stood adjourned.

Statistical Facts for Lutherans to Remember

BY REV. PROF. J. N. LENKER, D.D.

Protestants in the World.

Lutherans	68,000,000
Episcopalians	20,000,000
Methodists	16,000,000
Baptists	11,000,000
Presbyterians	9,000,000
Congregationalists	4,000,000
Five leading Reformed churches	60,000,000

Thus it appears that one-half of Protestantism is Lutheran, but when it is remembered that one-third of the Baptists and oue-fourth of the Methodists in the world are among the colored people of the United States, the Lutheran Church has about 8,000,000 more adherents among the white population of Protestantism than all the Reformed churches together.

While in the United States as a whole the Lutheran Church ranks third in numbers, among the white population of the Northern and Western States it holds the first place. While the Lutherans cultivated the Western field they neglected the Southern field, both the white and the colored. Different Lutheran Synods have commenced work among the colored people, and it is evident Lutheranism has a mission southward as well as westward. In Africa the Lutheran Church reports 540 pastors, 1709 churches and 303,754 baptized members. The Lutherans lead among the colored people in Africa if they are behind in America.

Luther League Topics

14th week after Trinity. August 31, 1902.

Lutherans in Japan

(Acts xvi: 9-13)

Missionary Topic reviewed by Rev. Jas. A. B. Scherer, Ph. D.

There is a wide difference between manners and morals, refinement and religion, civilization and Christianity. A man can have plenty of polish without the least of purity. We use a sort of varnish which comes from Japan, and is therefore called "japan." Well, Japan has been japanned. There is a surface of varnish and a core of corruption. The Japanese have beautiful manners, they have refinement, they are civilized; but they are immoral, they are not religious, they are far from being evangelized. Japan is a whited sepulchre.

Those who have lived there longest know this best. Travelers who spend a few weeks in the open ports go into ecstacies. Missionaries who dwell long in the interior are tempted to fall into despair. During four out of the five years I spent in Japan it was my privilege and duty to come in daily contact with several hundred native students. When I made an effort to discover their ideals by asking a class of seniors to write an essay on "The Noblest Thing I Ever Heard of," nine belauded a suicide, while the tenth idealized a wife murderer! Is that heathenism or not?

Lutherans therefore, being Christians, have a mission in Japan. It is demanded on general principles. But Lutherans have a peculiar call of labor in Japan, for the native churches need our help. In many cases they are honeycombed with heresies, enervated with rationalism, weak in the faith. Certainly we are not to proselyte. What I mean is this: Lutheranism has always stood for a stalwart faith in the efficacy of the Word of God as "the power of God unto salvation." The infant Church of Japan is like "an infant crying in the night" for "the sincere milk of the Word." That mass of 40,000 nominal Christians needs us as a leaven.

We have been there just ten years. The REVIEW asks for "a clear idea" as to what we have accomplished. I think our achievement has been along these two distinct lines of the leaven on the one hand and the mustard seed on the other—a hidden work in society at large, as well as an external and visible growth. Yet it is not easy to get a clear idea of what the hidden influence may have accomplished. We do know that we have not failed to stand firm for our distinctive principles, and that this fact has undoubtedly steadied the wavering loyalty here and there. The dissemination of Luther's catechism, translated, has certainly set good seed in fallow soil. Because we believe that God's Word shall not return unto Him void, we can be sure that we have had a larger influence in Japan than can be seen and measured.

Nor has the visible achievement been inconsiderable. Ten years ago we had one man and no station. To-day we have three American missionaries and one Danish, with their families (do not forget the effectiveness of a Christian family planted among heathen surroundings!), besides as many native helpers, men and women. There are three main plantations, in the cities of Saga Kurume and Kumamoto, whence the seed is scattered far and wide. In Saga we own a church, in Kumamoto a mission home. There are three Sunday schools, with 140 scholars. There are 117 baptized members of the Church, who contribute for its support 640 yen a year. The attitude of the country toward the foreign religion is becoming more and more favorable. The Government seems to recognize the value of Christianity to its subjects, as recently they made an official offer to bear the expenses of a Christian missionary to the colony of Formosa. During the year 1901 remarkable progress was made by the evangelical churches at large. According to official reports 15,500 inquirers were enrolled, 1,200 of whom received baptism. Christian schools have been granted governmental recognition, and the Government seems in a fair way shortly to declare Christianity one of the religions of the empire, on an equal footing with Buddhism. We have cause to thank God and take courage.

Japan is the door to Asia. Napoleon, looking out on the nations of the world from the seclusion of his exile at St. Helena, spoke of China as a sleeping giant, "and," he added, "when China awakens the face of the world will be changed." Signs now indicate that this awakening will not be long delayed. Shall the roused giant be Christian or pagan, friend or foe? This depends largely upon Japan. If proximity means anything, if racial kinship stands for aught, if centuries of the same literature and the same civilization have any influence, Japan, with her ready receptiveness of new truth, is the natural intermediator between West and East, the John the Baptist of Asia, the preordained prophet to conservative China. I for one believe that a civilized and Christianized Japan will be the chief instrument

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under God for the civilization and Christianization of China and of Asia. So will the light return into the East, whence it came. It came to us from Palestine, which nestles against the great mother continent on the one side precisely as Japan lies on the other side. It has traveled as the sunshine travels, steadily from east to west. And as surely as light travels in an orbit so surely ought this Gospel light, having belted the world with its blessings, come back into the east from the other side, and the east will be all uplift again. Is Japan worth saving?

15th week after Trinity. September 7, 1902.

Baptism, Why?

(Acts ii ; 38-41 ; Titus iii : 4-7)

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Questions to be answered in brief papers: How is Baptism "fundamental to the very existence of the Church"? Why is Baptism necessary? What is the relation of Baptism to regeneration?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *The reasons for Baptism are convincing and conclusive.* The first reason is universally acknowledged among Christians. Even the Baptists, from whom we differ so widely, give the command of Christ as the ground of Baptism. But to them this is the only reason. They see no value in Baptism itself. Its whole necessity is from the fact that Christ commands that He should be confessed in this way. To us there is another reason, equally important. It is that Christ's command is in harmony with His method of conferring grace. He does not work without means. He sends the Holy Spirit, author of all spiritual life and growth, through definite, explicit means of grace. Baptism is pre-eminently that means which is intended for regeneration. To this truth all Scripture, the Confessions of the Church drawn from the Scriptures, and the testimony of the Fathers of the Church from earliest days, irresistibly direct us. Christ has, therefore, not only given us a command, but has condescended to show us the meaning and necessity of that command. In this, as in so many things, He has graciously said, "Come now, and let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." In the way of salvation the Lord has given to Baptism an essential place and power. Because He has commanded us to be baptized, because He has offered to give us rich and precious gifts in Baptism, we reverently and expectantly make use of the holy sacrament.

2. *Therefore the neglect of Baptism is a grievous sin.* To those in other communions who have never been taught that Baptism brings anything of value to the unconscious child it may not seem to make much difference whether their little ones are given the sacramental water or not. But how shall we excuse the Lutheran parents who neglect the Baptism of their children?

And is there not another neglect of Baptism equally culpable. How shall we escape if we neglect to develop the gift that was given us, if we are thoughtless and ungrateful, in view of the covenant grace of our God?

16th week after Trinity. September 14, 1902.

Missions of Your Own Synod

(Luke x : 1-11)

Missionary Topic reviewed by Rev. Geo. J. Gongaware

Since the beginning of its history the Pittsburg Synod has been known as the missionary synod. The hearts of those Godly men who founded the synod were filled with love for souls and their minds had grasped the vast significance of the Master's sending of the seventy. They saw the plentitude of the harvest and felt the paucity of laborers in their field. They were missionaries of the first century type and the Lord gave them many souls for their hire. They finished their work and entered into rest, but that same spirit has constantly animated their successors.

Our synod is yet active in missionary effort, but our zeal has not kept pace with the increase of our opportunities. From Erie to Wheeling, from Youngstown to Altoona, stretches a populous area which, with its vast natural resources, its mines and manufactories, its splendid railroad and river facilities, and its large Lutheran population, is surely destined to become the greatest industrial section of the United States and one of our most important Lutheran strongholds. This is the territory of the Pittsburg Synod. The center of this territory is Pittsburg, and out from this city through populous valleys to many nearby towns extend railroads, street car and steamship lines. In other parts of our territory the conditions are favorable for very successful work, but this city and the contiguous territory are specially white for the harvest, and it is here that most of our men and means are employed. In the past ten years 18 towns, ranging in population from 3,000 to 8,000, have been built in the Pittsburg district of our synod. In most of these towns our Church has planted missions. The youngest of these youthful towns is Trafford City, near Pittsburg, where millions of dollars are being invested by the famous Westinghouse Company. Here one of our aggressive mis-

sionary pastors has secured a lot which doubtless will be available for a church when we are ready to organize. We have 33 mission parishes for which appropriations have been made this year by the Synod. There is a total of 53 mission congregations. Five of these are supported by strong neighboring parishes—*e. g.*, three at Erie, one at Ford City and one at Youngwood. Twenty-six of these parishes have regular pastors, and the others are supplied by a mission committee and by our efficient mission superintendent, Rev. Seaman. Appropriations have been made to the vacant missions, and the same are available as soon as pastors have been secured. At present four new missions are in process of organization, and the superintendent writes that 15 others could be organized this year if the men and the money were at hand. During the year ending on June 1, 1902 there was an increase in the membership of our mission congregations of 20 per cent, and as an evidence of financial properity it is to be noted that about one-half of the missions asked for smaller appropriations than were granted them last year.

The synod at its last meeting appropriated $7,880 for this year's work, and though that is a large sum it is not at all commensurate with the needs and opportunities of our field.

The call of the superintendent is for an increased mission spirit among our people; for larger offerings and for more men for the ministry, in order that our field may be fully supplied with faithful shepherds to gather the people into the Master's field.

As an instance of the rapid work of towns in this territory, showing its importance as a mission field, Youngwood may be cited. Eighteen months ago a small railroad station, a store and a farm house constituted the place. To-day it is a town of 2,000 inhabitants. It has two street car lines connecting it with Greensburg and Pittsburg. It is provided with electric light, gas, water and a sewage system. It has an industrial plant that will make it a town of 5,000 people in a very short time, and, if human judgment is of any value, it is the beginning of a permanent city. Rev. Dr. Yount first began to care for our people there, and we have now an excellent mission Sunday school and congregation. A first-class brick church is being erected, and we may confidently say that within two years from the time of the first service there will be a strong Lutheran congregation at Youngwood. Other places offer similar advantages. But not only such places are to be cultivated. There are many places where the conditions are less favorable, and in these our duty to labor is no less imperative. After all it is in the *hard* places that the faith and spirit of the true missionary are needed. The seventy were sent by the Master, not by train or trolley into a friendly country, not supplied with purse and wallet and shoes, but without these, afoot, to a hostile people, and yet they *went*, saying as they entered, "Peace be to this house." They healed many who were physically and spiritually sick, and the Master who sent them supplied their needs. So He does to-day. Let our Leaguers be missionaries laboring lovingly in the Lord's vineyard.

17th week after Trinity. September 21, 1902.

The God-Man. One Indivisible Person

(John 1: 1-14)

Biblical Topic reviewed by Rev. C. Armand Miller

Questions to be answered in brief papers: What were the state and nature of the Son of God before the Incarnation? Describe the Person and Natures of the Incarnate Christ? What is the practical bearing of this doctrine of the unbroken union of the two Natures in the God-Man?

Lessons for our own lives: 1. *What we can understand.* Not the mystery of the divine Person and the union of the divine and human Natures in Christ. That is perhaps further beyond the reach of our comprehension than the incomprehensible fact of our daily experience—of the union in each person of us of a spiritual, invisible essence which we call mind or soul and a visible, material substance which we call body. Not all the scholars and philosophers have as yet been able to offer the least help to the understanding of this personal union, though we all are aware of its existence. But what we can understand is that God has wonderfully adapted our Saviour to our needs in offering to us the unique Person, "Jesus Christ, true God begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary," to be our Redeemer. For we men must have a man, "bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh," to stand in our place, bear our penalty, pay our ransom. He must be one tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. None less or other than a perfect man could answer to our need. And yet no mere man could sufficiently represent and redeem all humanity. One sinless man, if he were only man, could not atone for more than one sinful man. The sin of humanity, its guilt, its penalty, could only be borne away by one of infinite purity, of infinite power, whose atonement would be of infinite worth. And He whose redemption

is infinitely precious, who could commend us to God and touch God, and be acceptable to God for us, must be the same who is true man. The problem could be solved only by God Himself. It is solved only in the God-Man, one indivisible Person, our Redeemer and Lord. Let us wonder, adore and praise God forever for this Saviour.

18th week after Trinity. September 28, 1902.

The Deaconess Movement

(Rom. xvi: 1-16)

Historical Topic reviewed by Rev. T. F. Manhart, D.D.

The model deacon is Christ. He came not to be ministered (deaconed) unto, but to do the work of a deacon. Matt. 20: 28. He preached, taught and healed—that is, He ministered kindly and mercifully to all of man's wants. His Church should imitate Him.

The deaconate office was established in the Mother Church by the apostles. Acts 6: 1-11. This office, by apostolic sanction, came to be filled by women as well as by men. Rom. 16: 1,2; I Tim. 3: 11.

During the several first Christian centuries the Church had many deaconesses. They nursed, cared for the poor, visited the imprisoned, taught heathen women Christian truth, aided in catechetical work and the baptism of women, looked after orphans, &c. See the Apostolic Constitutions.

The deaconess was supplanted by the nun when the Church came to err concerning "vows," celibacy, priesthood, &c.

A restoration of the New Testament female deaconate means, therefore, to get back of nunnery to foundations laid by the apostles and by Christ.

Luther, "the ocean-minded," was ready to have the deaconate restored to the Church, but finally concluded that the times were not ripe.

Various efforts, by Lutherans and Reformed, to restore the services of communities or the New Testament deaconess to the Church were limited in extent, time and success.

To Theodore Fliedner it was given by Providence to be the main agent in the restoration of the apostolic office and ministry of the woman deacon. He began in Kaiserswerth, Germany, in 1836, with Gertrude Reichardt as the first deaconess. A conference was organized at Kaiserswerth in 1861 of motherhouses, following, in the main, the principles of the first motherhouse. This conference now numbers 78 motherhouses, with 15,000 sisters working in 5,000 places. The income of these houses exceeds $4,000,000 annually. The Kaiserswerth house numbers 1,100 sisters, that at Bielefeld 1,000 and Neuendettelsau 550. Some have had a rapid and sure growth; some others have not. On the whole the success of the movement is marvelous.

In America the Lutheran institutions at Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Omaha, Baltimore and Chicago are all flourishing.

The prime needs of this work among us are: A better understanding of its Scriptural and historical basis, and its adaptability to the conditions and needs of our times; many more Christian women to follow it as a Christian calling; and the strengthening of the motherhouses, so that they may be thoroughly adequate in property, equipment and training force to their functions as homes, training schools and centers from which sisters may be sent to many and varied outstations.

The aim must be nothing less than to place the deaconess everywhere beside the ministry of the Word, that our parishes, homes, institutions and missions may have a woman's ministry of help and mercy, in the name of Christ and His Church, and in the spirit of Christ.

Daily Bible Readings

Aug. 3. X Trinity—Matthew 28: 19; Luke 18: 15-17.
Monday—Exodus 6: 1-8.
Tuesday—Nehemiah 1: 1-11.
Wednesday—Isaiah 61: 1-11.
Thursday—Matthew 10: 11-20.
Friday—Mark 4; 26-41.
Saturday—I Corinthians 16: 1-24.

Aug. 10. XI Trinity—John 1: 35-51.
Monday—Exodus 14: 13-31.
Tuesday—Joshua 3: 9-17.
Wednesday—Leviticus 14: 48-57.
Thursday—Matthew 3: 13-17.
Friday—Acts 8: 26-40.
Saturday—Acts 10: 44-48.

Aug. 17. XII Trinity—Isaiah 55: 3; 52: 15; Ezekiel 36: 25-27.
Monday—Ezra 1: 1-11.
Tuesday—Nehemiah 2: 1-20.
Wednesday—Job 42: 1-17.
Thursday—Isaiah 54: 1-17.
Friday—II Corinthians 6: 1-8.
Saturday—II Thessalonians 3: 1-18.

Aug. 24. XIII Trinity—Jeremiah 1: 4-10.
Monday—Numbers 32: 1-15.
Tuesday—I Kings 18: 17-40.
Wednesday—II Kings 22: 1-10.
Thursday—Isaiah 62: 1-7.
Friday—Isaiah 65: 1-10.
Saturday—Romans 8: 31-39.

Aug. 31. XIV Trinity—Acts 16: 9-13.
Monday—Genesis 7: 1-6.
Tuesday—Genesis 17: 1-8.
Wednesday—Exodus 14: 19-22.
Thursday—Luke 18: 15-17.
Friday—John 3: 1-13.
Saturday—Ephesians 2: 1-22.

Sept. 7. XV Trinity—Acts 2: 38-41; Titus 3: 4-7.

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Editorial

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

Who ever knew of more crisp, bright, bracing mid-summer days for a July convention than those which helped so much to make our fifth national assemblage at St. Paul an ideal gathering of "Praying and Working" young Lutherans! How could any delegates feel dull or listless with such invigoration and tonic in every breath of that peculiar ozone of the Northland, which sustained the keynote of the convention right up to concert pitch from beginning to end! Not a single sound of screeching was heard, no sentimental effusions, no attempts at mere rhetorical effect, but a genuine Lutheran enthusiasm was everywhere manifest, and the spirit of the body was eminently fraternal, harmonious, conservative and progressive.

The general theme was personal devotion, as expressed in the convention topics, "Working and Praying—Praying and Working." Who of those present can ever forget the profound impression of the "Power of Prayer," which was clinched immovably in every heart by the Providential presence of Miss Ellen M. Stone, whose own miraculous deliverance from the Turkish brigands, in answer to the prayers of Christendom, can be compared to nothing less than Peter's deliverance by God's angel from the prison where he was chained to an armed soldier on each side, while a sentry guarded the great iron door outside, because "prayer was made without ceasing of the Church unto God for him" (Acts 12: 5). The strange coincidence of Miss Stone's coming in just at this juncture that she might stand before the convention, in her quiet womanly dignity, as an humble living witness of the great truth which was then being pressed home upon our souls, excited a powerful reflex influence upon her own soul. "This audience moves me strangely," she said, in a voice tremulous with deep emotion, which for a few moments completely overmastered her, though she usually retains perfect self-possession before assemblages of thousands.

The whole subject of Redemption itself, which is the very essence of the Gospel, was made henceforth more vividly real to all, in the new meaning given to that familiar motto of Christian believers: "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." The very word ransomed, redeemed, received not only fresh interpretation, but also fervent personal application, as each one spontaneously said over again to himself that sentence

which is the core of our Catechism: "Secured and delivered from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with silver and gold, but with His holy and precious blood." What a new revelation it was to all to hear of the noble heroism and the sympathetic spirit of our Lutheran missionaries in Bulgaria, as Miss Stone told how she cherished their loving Christian friendship! Her allusions to her faithful Lutheran brethren from Russia, subjects of the Czar coming to help spread the Gospel in the empire of the Sultan, were likewise incidental remarks which opened our eyes to realize what a universal world-power is the great Mother Church of the Reformation, quietly carrying on her blessed work in the remotest parts of the globe.

The educational work which is the League's special province received its full share of attention. The new Daily Calendar of memorable events in the Church's history as a world-power, with accompanying data giving the present status of each one of the 365 items covering every sphere of Christian activity throughout the earth, will be a veritable astonishment even to ourselves, and cannot but quicken the pulse of the loyal devotion to our confirmation vows. Neither can it fail, unless we are blind to our opportunity for its wide circulation in every branch of our Church in this land, to bring in many more new subscribers to the REVIEW, in which these data will be published month by month. This of itself alone, without need of any other effort, will solve the problem of the support of our much-needed General Secretary, who shall devote all his time and energy in furthering the League's interests. And these interests, absolutely and entirely, are the interests of the Church, of which, by which and for which alone the League lives and moves and finds its being.

The degree of help that local Leagues will receive from the convention depends upon the faithfulness and earnestness of delegates in putting into effect the power with which they were inspired. No delegate will fail to report—that goes without saying—but one who measures up to his opportunity and responsibility cannot stop at that. The volume of benefit to which the League is entitled cannot be conveyed in a twenty-minute report. The delegate's note book is not worthless after he has selected the thoughts to be embodied in this report. It should be his companion for many months to come, as he plans and works. The influence of the convention should not cease, and the delegate holds the power to perpetuate it.

The Leagues have reason to congratulate themselves upon the faithfulness of their representatives in the convention. There was no notable falling off in attendance at the sessions after the first one or two, as so often is seen at conventions. There were sight-seeing and pleasure-seeking, but it was arranged so as not to interfere with the work. Commensurate results may confidently be expected.

Recently a pastor who objected to the Luther League "because of its social tendencies" said, "I believe in young people's societies, in the union of several into one organization; I am pleased with its educational feature, but the social has been allowed to so overbalance the other good things that it will lead to laxness, and on that account I do not like it." Attention was called to the four objects given in the constitution of the Luther League of America, and he said: "They are admirable," but still insisted that the social is allowed too large a scope. No doubt the pastor had a just reason to complain, but his grievance should not have caused him to condemn all young people's societies. We believe that the Leagues and societies connected with the National organization are striving earnestly to be helpful in the Church work and in stimulating to greater Christian activity. The social is often a necessary element, and, if properly used, will result in great good, but the first object should be the upbuilding of the members in Christian life and helpfulness in Church work.

Publishers' Column.

It was very encouraging to have the delegates at the recent national convention respond so promptly to the appeal made for 10,000 new subscriptions to the REVIEW. While the number of copies ordered was only about 2,000, it was evident that a greater interest would be taken in the REVIEW and that the delegates would urge the Leagues and societies they represented to give the paper more generous support.

We hope that those who were not represented at the convention will act in this matter at once and aid in securing the desired number of new subscribers, for we will not cease urging until the full number of 10,000 is reached.

Won't you help make *your* paper a success?

The prices offered at the convention for new subscriptions will remain in force for the present—viz., 100 copies, $25 a year; 50 copies, $12.50 a year; 25 copies, $7.50 a year. These are special rates and apply only to new subscriptions. The offer is very liberal and the response ought therefore to be large.

It was announced at the convention that orders would be taken for the books of the Reading Course, the four courses of five books each to be paid for on the installment plan. The order must be accompanied with satisfactory reference and $2 as the first installment. Payments of $1.50 monthly must be made thereafter for 11 months. The total of $18.50 can therefore be paid in easy terms and you will secure 20 excellent books for your library. Don't miss the opportunity. Send for the books at once.

About December 1 we hope to issue the Daily Calendar of Memorable Events for Luther Leaguers which the Luther League of America decided to issue at the St. Paul convention. This will be a calendar giving 365 notable dates, which mark the founding of that many Lutheran enterprises and institutions in Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Inner Missions, Deaconess' Work, Schools of Learning, Homes of Mercy, &c., in all parts of the world. It will be a very valuable and useful little booklet that should be found in the hands of every League member. The price of the book has not been determined as yet, but it will be reasonable. We would like to know how many you can use.

The Luther League Topics for the last quarter of the year will be mailed to subscribers about August 15. If your subscription has expired order at once so you will have the lessons in good season for the first week in September. See prices on page 32; also prices for all other supplies.

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IN SOME OF THE LARGE CITIES

New York City

— Old Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and rectory, which have stood for more than a quarter of a century on West Twenty-first street, and of which the Rev. C. Armand Miller was the pastor, is completely torn down to make way for a modern store and loft building. The congregation is now building a handsome new church at Central Park West and Sixty-fifth street.

— Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., has conferred upon the Rev. John A. W. Haas of St. Paul's Church the title of D.D., Doctor of Divinity.

Brooklyn

— St. Paul's Church of South Brooklyn, Rev. John Huppenbauer, pastor, rededicated the newly renovated and redecorated church on July 13.

— At the recent meeting of the New York Ministerium at Middle Village, thirty pastors of English congregations were honorably dismissed and will form a new English Lutheran Synod. A temporary organization was effected by the election of the following officers: Rev. Wm. S. Bacher of Rondout, N. Y., pres.; Rev. M. S. Waters of Newark, N. Y., sec.; J. F. Dinkey of Rochester, N. Y., treas.

— On June 22 Rev. H. C. A. Meyer celebrated the tenth anniversary of his pastorate of St. James' German Church.

— Rev. J. J. Heischman, D.D., of St. Paul's Church, is the new president of the New York Ministerium.

Philadelphia

— Interesting ceremonies marked the dedication of Temple Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Fifty-second and Race streets, on June 22. The congregation begins its career in what is known as a portable chapel. This building is constructed in such a manner that it can be taken apart and moved to a different field when it is succeeded at its present site by a stone chapel.

— Hon. Wm. H. Staake, treasurer of the General Council and president of the Drexel Deaconess motherhouse of Philadelphia, was elected secretary of the Pennsylvania Bar Association at its late convention.

Syracuse

— Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Zimmerman has received the degree of LL.D. from Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg. This degree was conferred for scholarship.

Rochester

— Doctor Nicum has resigned the presidency of Wagner College. The removal of the college was not considered advisable by the New York Ministerium.

— Rev. C. A. Conrad of this city bears the titles of D.D., Ph.D. and S.T.D., having recently received the last one.

Chicago

— The annual excursion of the Lutheran Ministers' Association to Milwaukee on the whaleback steamer "Christopher Columbus," took place July 3. While in Milwaukee, piloted by Rev. W. K. Frick, D.D., a large number visited the Passavant Hospital. An informal programme was rendered on the return voyage, composed of music, recitation, papers from Mrs. Hunton, read by Miss Hasselfeldt and Miss Hinman, and brief addresses by Rev. W. S. Hinman, D.D., Rev. M. C. Ranseen, D.D., Rev W. L. Hunton, Ph.D., and Rev. H. O. Lindeblad. An unfavorable morning, which interfered somewhat with the attendance, was followed by a beautiful day and an ideal trip.

— Rev. A. C. Anda, the aggressive mission director of the Chicago Synod, has accepted a call as Sunday school field secretary of the General Council. At the recent meeting of the Chicago Synod Rev. Dr. W. L. Hunton was selected as the new synodical missionary superintendent.

— Judge P. S. Grosscup of the U. S. Circuit Court has received the title of LL.D. from Augustana College.

Cincinnati

— Rev. Dr. J. W. Kapp of Richmond, Ind., has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, and is expected to take charge on September 1.

— On the evening of July 13 a service in memory of Doctor Barnitz was held in the First Church, Cincinnati, under the auspices of the Association of Lutheran Ministers of Cincinnati and vicinity. Rev. J. S. Simon of the Walnut Hills Church presided. Rev. F. C. Longaker of St. Mark's, Newport, Ky., delivered an address on "Doctor Barnitz as a Christian Man," followed by a tribute by Rev. E. R. Wagner, Ph.D., of St. Paul's, on "Doctor Barnitz as a Home Missionary."

Cleveland

— Rev. H. C. Hadley of Ohio City, Ohio, after four years of successful work has resigned and accepted a call to the C. E. Memorial Lutheran Church of this city.

Louisville

— The laying of the corner stone of the Second Lutheran Church, Rev. H. K. Fenner, pastor, is the beginning of a new era in the history of English Lutheranism in Louisville. The first era was one of foundation laying; the second will be an era of enlargement and growth. After 25 years of persistent labor the Second Church is building an edifice that will be better adapted to its work and more in harmony with the position which we are about to occupy in this city. The design has been drawn for a building of practical utility, commodious and ornate, without effort at display, in keeping with the character of the sturdy Germans with whom our churches in this city are filled. May it not also indicate the character of our work for the next 25 years?

— The First Church also contemplates a new building on its present site on East Broadway.

Milwaukee

— The tenth triennial convention of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States met in Milwaukee, Wis., June 4-14. Prof. F. Pieper of St. Louis was elected president. Rector G. Schick, who has served faithfully Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., for 46 years, was pensioned. A new building is to be erected at repairs. A steam heating plant, to cost $5000, Also a new professor's house at the same place to cost $5000. Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., gets $56,000 for a new building and for repairs. A steam heating plant to cost $5000

is to be put into one of the old buildings of the college at Milwaukee. Ten acres of land are to be bought for the institution at St. Paul. The course of study at this institution is extended to four years. The same is true of the institutions at Concordia, Mo., and Hawthorne, N. Y. The Teachers' Seminary of the Nebraska District, located at Seward, was taken over by the Synod. About 600 delegates attended.

— Rev. Geo. W. Fritsch of Ashland, Pa., has been elected pastor of Trinity German Lutheran Church of Amsterdam, N. Y.

— St. John's Church, Manorton, N. Y., dedicated a new and churchly edifice, costing $11,000, on June 29. Rev. W. H. Stutts is the pastor.

— Dr. G. W. Enders completed 20 years of pastoral service in Christ Lutheran Church, York, Pa., on July 1.

— On June 1 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in Oak Grove City, Clinton County, Pa. The New York Central Railroad is putting car shops at this point that will employ 3,000 men at once, and the Lutheran Church has the honor and distinction of having the first organization in what promises to become the "Altoona of Eastern Pennsylvania."

— St. James' Church, Altoona, Pa., celebrated its fortieth anniversary on June 15. Rev. C. L. Boecele is the pastor.

— Judge Jacob F. Burkett, the new Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, is a Lutheran. He is a member of the First Church of Findlay, Rev. Samuel E. Greenawalt, pastor.

— The corner stone of the new church of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Circleville, Ohio, Rev. G. J. Troutman, pastor, was laid Sunday evening, July 20, with appropriate services. Rev. T. H. E. Eich preached in German and Professor Pfeiffer in English.

— The Joint Synod of Ohio meets on August 21 in Michigan City, Ind.

— Sunday, June 22, was a gala day for St. John's Church at Des Moines. The occasion was the seventh anniversary of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Wirt, D.D.

— On the night of July 5 lightning struck the German Lutheran Church in North St. Paul, Minn. The edifice was entirely destroyed by fire. It was worth about $3,000. The congregation has a membership of about 200.

— The Swedish Lutheran Carmel congregation in Calumet, Mich., celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary on June 7. Drs. E. Norelius, J. Fremling, Revs. C. O. Olander, E. Benner, J. M. Rydman and pastor Loci J. T. Olander took part in the festivities.

— Sunday, July 13, the Zion's Evangelical Lutheran congregation at Appleton, Wis., laid the corner stone of its new church.

— Rev. G. Hoyme, president of United Norwegian Synod, died at his home in Eau Claire, Wis., on June 10, aged 55 years. He had been president of the Synod ever since its organization in 1890.

— The Norwegian Lutheran Synod held its last annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., May 23-29. Rev. Vilhelm Koren is the president. The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Synod is to be celebrated next year.

— Rev. Frank E. Jensen, the new pastor of the congregation at Lindstrom, Minn., was the recipient of a purse of $51.75 which he received from the congregation at a welcome reception tendered in his behalf. The congregation is erecting a pure gothic church building, with a seating capacity of 500, which will be ready in the fall.

— The Danish Lutherans of America recently laid the corner stone of their first college in America, Ansgar College, at Hutchinson, Kan. The Hutchinson *Leader* gives several pages and a number of illustrations of the event and those engaged in it.

— Muhlenberg College graduated twenty-six young men at its commencement last month. It conferred degrees of LL.D. upon James M. Beck of Philadelphia, and D.D. upon Rev. W. K. Frick of Milwaukee, the indefatigable Lutheran missionary of the Northwest, and upon Rev. J. Steinhauser, and L.H.D. upon J. F. Sachse, the well-known Lutheran historian.

— The annual catalogue of Hartwick Seminary, classical and theological, for the eighty-seventh academic year and one hundred and fifth year of existence, is on our desk. The information it gives is of a general character, and young people who contemplate entering college should consult its pages. Copies of the catalogue will be supplied by Rev. J. G. Traver, principal, Hartwick Seminary, N. Y.

— Thiel College will be removed from Greenville to Greensburg if the citizens of that place raise $100,000, which they have agreed to do by September 2.

Daily Bible Readings

(*Continued from page 23.*)

Sept. 8. Monday—Matthew 10 : 1-15.
Tuesday—Jeremiah 1 : 1-10.
Wednesday—Ecclesiastes 11 : 1-10.
Thursday—Isaiah 25 : 1-12.
Friday—Acts 6 : 1-8.
Saturday—Acts 20 : 28-38.

Sept. 14. XVI Trinity—Luke 10 : 1-11.
Monday—Joshua 5 : 13-15.
Tuesday—Isaiah 6 : 1-10.
Wednesday—Matthew 3 : 13-17.
Thursday—Acts 2 : 14-28.
Friday—Ephesians 4 : 1-8.
Saturday—Hebrews 4 : 1-14.

Sept. 21. XVII Trinity—John 1 : 1-14.
Monday—Genesis 2 : 18-25.
Tuesday—Exodus 15 : 20-22.
Wednesday—Judges 5 : 1-31.
Thursday—Ruth 1 : 1-22.
Friday—Matthew 27 : 55, 56.
Saturday—Acts 16 : 14, 15.

Sept. 28. XVIII Trinity—Romans 16 : 1-16.
Monday—Genesis 4 : 1-8.
Tuesday—Exodus 12 : 1-28.
Wednesday—II Chronicles 25 : 1-19.
Thursday—Matthew 26 : 26-30.
Friday—John 13 : 13-30.
Saturday—I Corinthians 10 : 14-17.

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An Open Letter

Fellow Leaguers:

Believing that the prayers of those at home accompanied the delegates to the Convention at St. Paul, we went to the Northwest convinced that there would be a blessing from the Almighty upon that meeting. It is noteworthy that with scarcely an exception the delegates were in their places at the opening of each session of the convention, and not less than seventy-five attended the first devotional meeting on Wednesday morning. All seemed in the spirit of the motto of the convention; all were ready for work; all were engaged in prayer; the feeling of those present, both delegates and visitors, was that this convention means more earnest and more interested work in the various agencies of the Church abroad, as well as in the local Church. One visitor, who has been for years a member of our Church and interested in its various movements, remarked to his pastor, "I received a greater spiritual uplift from this convention than from any I ever attended."

Let us not fail in our duty, but let us continue faithful in that which we have undertaken, believing that the Lord will grant a rich result from our work. Upon those who have not been interested I would urge the immediate undertaking of some special work for the Master. Let us not forget that the League should first be interested in the local church; then its work and usefulness should extend outward to those who need help, to those who are committed to our charge as a Church for instruction and gathering into various organizations. Let every Leaguer labor to increase the interest of those associated in the local organization, as well as of those who are not connected with it, and who should and could be made efficient workers in the vineyard. We need the true enthusiasm which comes from work, and that enthusiasm can be still greater increased by continued earnest prayer. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." "Faith without works is dead."

Yours in the work,

WM. C. STOEVER, President.

NEW YORK STATE

New York City

— Frank E. Jackson of the New York City League, F. N. Bunger of St. Paul's League, Wm. F. Naegele of the League of Atonement Church, and H. Petersen of Gustavus Adolphus League, delegates to the recent National Convention at St. Paul, were all provided with cameras and secured quite a number of interesting views both *en route* and of the convention. They expect to make lantern slides of their negatives and if possible present the series of pictures at meetings of the different local leagues this fall. In connection with the report of the convention this will be very interesting.

Albany District

— The Luther League of the English Church of the Redeemer, North Troy, Rev. Noah E. Yeise, pastor, now numbers 54, and a Junior League has recently been organized which already numbers 32. A chorus of 100 voices will furnish the music for the Albany District Convention, to be held in this church in October. There will be representatives of each society in the district in the chorus. Rev. W. F. Barnett of Melrose, N. Y., will be the musical director.

Buffalo Central

— The Luther League of Holy Trinity Church, Rev. F. A. Kaehler, D.D., pastor, now numbers 120 members. The League provides a monthly church paper and has pledged $100 toward the support of a missionary in India.

— On July 19 the Luther Leaguers of Buffalo enjoyed their annual yacht party down the Niagara River.

CONNECTICUT

— A meeting of the delegates of the Luther League of Central Connecticut was held in Trinity German Church, New Haven, on Tuesday evening, July 1. President C. F. Gutbrod was in charge. The treasurer, Wm. Jente, reported that nearly all of the debt of the League has been paid and that there was $8 more to pay. Owing to the finances being so low it was voted not to send any delegate to the National Convention, but to send greetings and best wishes for a most successful convention. An effort will be made soon to get the other young people's societies in the State into the League.

— The Luther League of German Lutheran Trinity Church is to give a lawn party at the residence of pastor J. A. Timm, 106 York Square. The lawn is to be handsomely decorated with lanterns and refreshments are to be served. This society will also give an excursion to Glen Island on Thursday, August 7.

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PENNSYLVANIA

Reading Central

— The quarterly meeting of the Central Luther League of Reading and vicinity met in St. John Church, Boyertown, Rev. A. M. Weber, pastor, July 12, with a fair attendance of delegates and members from the various locals. Fourteen of the nineteen local leagues were represented. The committees met at 2 p.m. to prepare their reports, and at 3 o'clock the convention was called to order by President A. P. Body of St. Matthew, Reading. Secretary Robert H. Hartline of Manatawny was in charge of the minutes. The other officers of the convention were: First vice-pres., Rev. J. H. Raker, Topton; second vice-pres., J. Howard Billig, Reading; cor. sec., Miss Edith R. Uhler, Reading; stat. sec., Henry R. Hernan, Reading; treas., C. S. Rhoads, Birdsboro. The various committees submitted their reports, which were received and acted upon. The recommendation of the Executive Committee that the State Convention be invited to meet in Reading in 1903 was adopted and a committee, composed of one member from each local, was authorized to be appointed to arrange for the event. Short addresses were made by members from the several locals upon the subject of "Our Educational Work of the League or Society." The closing address was made by A. A. Koser of St. Matthew, Reading. The evening session opened at 7.45 with an organ prelude by the organist of St. John Church. Rev. J. F. Snyder, assistant pastor of Trinity, Reading, conducted the devotional services. The first address was delivered by Rev. H. C. Kline of Hamburg, who spoke on the educational work of the League. A violin solo, with organ accompaniment, was rendered by Master Heiser of Boyertown. It was decided to hold the annual reunion at Topton Orphans' Home on Thursday, August 28—the annual "visitors' day." Short addresses were made by Rev. Z. H. Gable of Reading and Rev. J. H. Raker of Topton; an anthem was rendered by the choir of St. John Church during the offertory, and the session closed with the regular vesper service.

Upper Lehigh Valley League

— Rev. W. C. L. Lauer on July 8 organized a Luther League with 23 charter members in St. John's Church, East Mauch Chunk.

— The tenth anniversary of Christ's Luther League of Trumbauersville, Rev. D. H. Reiter, pastor, was held on Sunday evening, June 15. The programme was an interesting one and every part was successfully rendered. This League is in a very flourishing condition and is an important factor in the work of the church.

Catawissa Central

— The Catawissa Central Luther League will meet in St. John's Church, Catawissa, Thursday

and Friday, September 4 and 5. Entertainment for about 80 delegates will be wanted. St. John's League will soon have committees at work arranging the details. Let every member of the charge help to make this convention a success. The programme promises to be a good one.

York County League

— The eighth annual convention of the Lutheran young people's societies of York County convened in St. Paul's Church of York Haven June 26. The following officers were elected: Pres., Rev. F. H. Crissman of York Haven; vice-pres., Rev. T. B. Thomas; sec., Miss Lottie Linebaugh, York; stat. sec., Rev. Albert Bell; treas., Edward Helb of Railroad. A number of interesting subjects were discussed. S. C. Ilgenfritz delivered his illustrated address on the subject "My Duty to the Church." The address was listened to with marked interest. The question box was a very interesting feature of the convention. At the evening session Rev. Drs. Enders and Walter delivered addresses. Hellam was chosen as the next place of meeting. One of the York papers has the following to say of the convention: "It was the largest attended convention of Lutheran young people yet held in the county. These conventions are no longer a matter of experiment, but a necessity in the work of the Lutheran young people's movement. And since every society of young people of the Lutheran Church has the privilege of uniting with the League, its character is somewhat unique among the conventions of our county. The convention of last Thursday goes down in the history of Lutheran church work in our county as one which has undoubtedly increased in the delegates and visitors a deeper love for the mother church of Protestantism, and a greater enthusiasm to work for the cause of Christ in our county and the world. The singing was inspiring, the speeches well prepared, the reports encouraging, the attendance exceedingly gratifying, and the hospitality of York Haven cordial, big hearted and bounteous."

Somerset County Central

— The tenth annual meeting of the Central Luther League of the Somerset County Conference was held in Trinity Church, Somerset, Pa., July 31 and August 1. Report next month.

Pittsburg and Vicinity

— The fifteenth convention of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union was held in Pittsburg, Pa., July 8-10. The attendance of delegates was very large and the convention was stimulating and helpful. A number of Lutheran pastors and young people were in attendance at the convention.

— The young people of the Brushton Avenue Church, Pittsburg, Rev. Sanford Carpenter, pastor, donated to the church a handsome set of offering plates.

NEW JERSEY

— A rally of Luther League workers was held in Holy Trinity Church, Jersey City, the Rev. E. E. Neudewitz, pastor, on the evening of Monday, June 30. This was the third rally held during the term of office of President T. Clem Beck of Elizabeth. The attendance was quite a representative one, persons being present from Atlantic City, Elizabeth, Greenville, Jersey City, Paterson, Saddle River and Trenton. President Beck brought a delegation of almost 50 from the two societies at Elizabeth. The liturgical service was in charge of the Revs. E. E. Neudewitz of Jersey City, C. G. Fischer of Elizabeth, J. Heindel of Greenville and E. B. Killinger of Trenton. Pastor Krapf of Elizabeth delivered an address on the subject "Why They Should Be and How Our Societies Can Serve as Educational Societies." Mr. Jas. L. Craig of Saddle River, chairman of the Extension Committee, spoke on extension work. Miss Prudence Kerr of Atlantic City, treasurer of the Luther League of New Jersey, read a paper on devotional work. An invitation from the Rev. E. B. Killinger of Christ Church, Trenton, to hold a rally in Trenton in September was unanimously accepted. At the close of the meeting the local League served refreshments and a social hour was spent.

OHIO

— The Luther League of Miamisburg, Rev. F. W. E. Peschan, D.D., pastor, raises $100 each year to educate a young man in the Chicago Seminary.

— The Miami Valley District League is to meet in St. John's English Lutheran Church, Thursday, August 28. The programme is now being printed.

— On Sunday night, July 13, Pres. Stoever delivered an admirable address in the First Lu-

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theran Church, Springfield, Rev. Dr. M. J. Firey, pastor. All the English Lutheran ministers of the city were present. The services were conducted by Rev. C. F. Steck and Rev. Dr. Peschau.

— St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio.—It was our great pleasure to be favored with the presence of W. C. Stoever, pres. of the Luther League of America, Sunday evening, July 6. The usual League meeting was held. The walls of the Sunday school room displayed the League colors, and the Luther League emblem encircled with incandescent lights. Our worthy president's remarks will always be remembered by those who were present. At the close of this meeting a union service was held in the First Lutheran Church, the Luther League of St. Luke's, the Young People's Society of St. Paul's German Lutheran and the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Church uniting.

INDIANA-KENTUCKY

— The fifth annual convention of the Bi-State Luther League of Indiana and Kentucky will be held in the First English Lutheran Church, Goshen, Ind., Rev. A. C. Ands, pastor, August 5 and 6. Rev. F. W. E. Peschau, D.D., of Miamisburg, Ohio, ex-president of the Ohio State League, will speak on the evening of August 5 on "Protestantism's Power," and Rev. Prof. S. A. Ort, D.D., of Springfield, Ohio, will make an address on the evening of the 7th on "Gustavus Adolphus."

ILLINOIS

Chicago League

— The quarterly convention of the Luther League of Chicago was held in Wicker Park Church, Monday evening, June 30, 1902. Addresses were delivered by Rev. F. W. Meyer on "Winning" and Mr. M. C. Olson on "The Luther League of America." Delegates to the State and national conventions were selected and a social hour closed a very pleasant and profitable evening.

Northern Illinois

— The eighth annual convention of the Lutheran Young People's Association was held at Princeton, June 17 to 19, and was considered to be one of the most helpful and inspiring the association has ever held. Twenty-three delegates, besides many visitors, were present. The first session was held Tuesday evening, the president, Miss Fannie John, of Sterling, presiding. Prof. F. L. Sigmund of Carthage made a very able and forceful address on "The Church of To-morrow in the Church of To-day." On Wednesday forenoon the session was devoted to business, with the exception of a paper, "Christianity Essentially Missionary," by Mrs. James Peltz of Polo. This paper was full of good thoughts, setting a high standard in our missionary activity, and the discussion which followed was greatly enjoyed. Wednesday afternoon we listened to a paper on "Committee Work," by Miss Sampson of Rockford. This was a most excellent paper, and if the suggestions set forth in it were followed our committee work would prove more interesting and would meet with a greater degree of success. The half-hour following, with the juniors, was a most interesting one. The juniors of the Lutheran Church at Princeton number 80. It is a very active society. The election of officers resulted in Miss Harmes of Washington being elected president, and after

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a few graceful words by the outgoing president Miss Harmes took the chair, conducting the remaining sessions of the convention. Wednesday evening there were two excellent addresses, the first on "The Young Man for Christ is the Church," by Rev. G. C. Cromer of Freeport; the second, "The Penalty of Success," by Rev. E. Lee Fleck of Sterling. He pointed out to the young people the necessity of persevering in any work if success crowned their efforts. Also that there is a penalty to be paid in the success we achieve. But that the penalty to be paid for following in the footsteps of Christ will be transformed into the richest spiritual experience, if we are animated and inspired by that love that helpeth all things, beareth all things, believeth all things and endureth all things. Thursday morning the very helpful paper written by Mr. Frerricks of Sterling on "Some Little Things to Do and Some Little Things to Avoid," was read. Also a paper on "Individual Consecration," by Mr. Crawford of Mt. Morris. After the consecration service, led by Rev. Paul Holtgreive, the convention adjourned to meet in Rockford next June. The music throughout the convention was very good indeed, and the local society spared no pains in entertaining the visiting delegates.

— The Luther League of our church at Orangeville, Rev. Frank S. Delo, pastor, has contributed $4 to the Cleveland mission and nearly raised its annual contribution of $25 for Rev. Beck's salary. During the winter it gave two lectures, "Ben Hur" and "Life of Luther," and five socials. Its prayer meetings are well attended. The congregation recently gave $20 for Chicago mission work.

— The Young People's Society of St. John's Lutheran Church of Sterling, Ill., have in the past six months added 18 to their roll, and still have more to be added in the near future.

WISCONSIN

— The Dane County Central Luther League held its eighth annual convention at Stoughton, Wis., May 23-25. The sessions were held in the Lutheran Church, Rev. T. H. Dahl, pastor. The entire session was devoted to a study of the Mission. The opening session was held Friday evening, May 23, at 7.30 o'clock, and was opened by singing "Come, Thou Almighty King," followed by Scripture reading and prayer. A very beautiful anthem was then sung by the Stoughton choir, after which an address of welcome was made by Miss Avilda Lee, the president of the local League. Rev. Eggen, the president of the Central League, responded to the words of welcome. Music was furnished by a quartette of Stoughton and a vocal solo was tendered by Miss Clara Dahle of Mount Horeb. Three very interesting papers were then read, one on "The First Three Centuries of Missions," by Mr. O. M. Norlie of Stoughton; another on the "Missions from 325 to 900," by Miss Josephine Quammen of Madison, and the other on "Missions from 900 to the Reformation," by Miss Estella Starks of Madison. The meeting was closed by singing "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," after which Rev. Eggen of Madison pronounced the benediction. At the business meeting on Saturday morning the following new officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Th. Eggen of Madison, pres.; Miss Georgia Olsen of Stoughton, vice-pres.; Miss Avilda Lee of Stoughton, rec. sec.; Miss Stella Starks of Madison, cor. sec., and Miss Bertha Locke of Mount Horeb, treas. Miss Ella Grane of Stoughton, Sanford Starks of Madison and Miss Clara Dahle of Mount Horeb were appointed as an Extension Committee. The presidents of the three local Leagues were elected to attend the National Luther League Convention at St. Paul. Miss Ella Grane and Mr. T. Veah of Stoughton, Mr. Otto Dahle and Miss Amelia Johnson of Mount Horeb and Lewis Anderson of Madison were elected to attend the State convention at Racine in July. After a discussion, in which quite a number took part, it was voted to support one foreign missionary in Madagascar. At the Saturday afternoon meeting two interesting papers were read, one on the "Madagascar Mission," by Louis Rutlin of Stoughton, and the other on "The Survey of the Mission Field in Asia," by Mr. Otto Dahle of Mount Horeb. Saturday evening the Stoughton Luther League entertained the Central Luther League at a reception held in the Town Hall. The programme of the evening consisted of music furnished by Mr. Gronseth, Stella Starks, Marie Dahle and several others. At the session on Sunday morning Rev. Stearns of Milwaukee preached the sermon. The last session of the Central League was held Sunday evening. Very interesting papers were read by Miss Hannah Barron of Stoughton, Mr. Thomas Thompson of Verona, Mr. L. Anderson of Madison and Mr. R. Nestos of Madison. The meeting closed by the singing of an anthem and the pronouncing of the benediction by Rev. Stearns.

COLORADO

— Some time ago the Young People's Society of the Swedish Lutheran Church of Denver sent invitations to the Y. P. S. of Boulder and the Luther League of Colorado Springs to meet with them June 26, 1902. The invitation was accepted and on the appointed day a much larger company came than had been hoped for. It was a beautiful Colorado day. Our hosts, the Y. P. S. of Denver, had selected Berkley Park as place of meeting. Accordingly we were directed thither, where an excellent programme was rendered by members from the different societies, including short addresses by Dr. G. A. Brandelle, Rev. Geo. E. Youngdahl and students N. M. Nelson and Axel Anderson. The programme being completed the question of a State organization was taken up. After a few words of discussion, which all proved to be in the affirmative, it was decided to organize a State Luther League and to invite to membership all Lutheran young people's societies of the State. The organization was effected and the following officers chosen: Pres., Rev. Geo. E. Youngdahl; vice-pres., Mr. J. P. Logan; sec., Mr. A. W. Segerberg, and treas., Prof. E. R. Kihlmark. The above-named officers will also constitute a committee on constitution and will report at the next annual meeting, which is to be held at Colorado Springs, Col.

— It was a delightful trip the Luther Leaguers enjoyed on the morning of Tuesday, July 8, on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road *en route* to St. Paul. There were nearly seventy of them, a number from Chicago, Milwaukee and La Crosse and a large delegation from Eastern points. Everything was done by the railroad officials to insure the comfort of the League members. The appointments of the road are such as to make traveling a pleasure, and the scenes by the river were beautiful. The friendly intercourse prepared the way for a sympathetic and united interest in the work of our young people. The convention and the trip to and fro convinced us of the hearty interest which all our young people, both ministry and lay, have in the united efforts of our Church in its extended work in this country and abroad.

Book Notes

A DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE, Dealing with Its Language, Literature and Contents, Including the Biblical Theology. Edited by James Hastings, M.A., D.D., with several specially named assistants. Vol IV (Pleroma—Zuzim). Pp. 994. $6. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

This volume completes the already well-known dictionary as it was originally announced. A note upon the preface page informs us, however, that an extra volume is in preparation, to contain indexes and certain subsidiary articles of importance. The contributors to this volume are much the same as in the previous ones, but a larger number of American and German specialists are represented. All the characteristics of the preceding volumes remain, and constitute the publication as decidedly the most desirable Bible dictionary for every theologian and student. Along Old Testament lines there is the same leaning toward modern critical views, although few of the Old Testament books come within the initials covered in this fourth book; the authorship of the Psalms is, however, an evidence. Along New Testament lines there is the same general adherence to traditional views, combined with the richest results of modern positive scholarship. The volume is particularly rich in articles of a biblical theological nature, such as those on Power of the Keys, Prayer, Predestination, Psychology, Reconciliation, Regeneration, Sacrifice, Salvation, Saviour, Son of God, Son of Man. Every one of them is strongly scriptural and suggestive. Each student will naturally find much with which he cannot agree. The article upon Reconciliation presents possible ground for difference. Predestination is discussed by Professor Warfield, whose warmly and steadfastly defended position every student knows. However, the investigations are marked by fearless and profound Scripture research. A strong sentence concludes the article on Regeneration, marking the unanimity of New Testament writers concerning the "Word of God," made vital to the conscience and heart as the means in relation to regeneration. The discussion of "Sabbath" will also satisfy Lutheran hearts.

No mention need be made of the fine typographical work. The illustrations, though not abundant, are of the best.

DANIEL IN THE CRITICS' DEN. A Reply to Professor Driver of Oxford and the Dean of Canterbury. By Sir Robert Anderson, K.C.B., LL.D. Pp. 186. $1.25 net. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, Chicago and Toronto.

This volume includes in recast form the former reply to Dean Farrar under the same title. It has the large addition of a reply to Professor Driver's "Book of Daniel" in "The Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges." It is throughout a consideration of the merits of the critical questions concerning that Old Testament book from a judicial standpoint. It rests its case on two main issues: The inclusion of the book in the canon, and the fulfillment of its great central vision in Messianic times. Reference is also made to the express imprimateur of our Divine Lord. The language is not always judicially calm.

PREACHING IN THE NEW AGE, AN ART AND AN INCARNATION. A series of six lectures delivered in the Hartford Theological Seminary upon the "Carew" Foundation. By Albert J. Lyman, D.D. Pp. 147. 75 cents net. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, Chicago and Toronto.

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The Northwestern Publishing House, 347 Third street, Milwaukee, Wis., have issued in fine chromo lithography copies of Alexander Struys' prize picture, "The Death of Martin Luther." The copies are sold at $1.50; for ministers and teachers, $1.

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